

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast signal of a ~~selected~~-channel selected by a viewer;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital broadcast signal;

a recording section adapted to record the digital data in a predetermined format and to sequentially output the recorded digital data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of ~~[[a]]~~ the viewer; and

a control section adapted to control the recording section to start and stop recording the selected channel ~~according to an operation for selecting a channel to be viewed~~ and to generate an EPG image of the favorite channel based on the favorite channel map, ~~and~~

wherein when the viewer selects one channel which is included in the favorite channel map as the selected channel, the control section controls the recording section to start recording the selected channel;

wherein if when the viewer changes the selected channel to be viewed to another channel which is not included in the favorite channel map while the recorder section records the one channel, the control section controls the recording section to stop ~~does not start~~ recording the selected channel; and against the operation to the apparatus except the selected channel is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected

wherein when the another channel is not changed over a predetermined time while the recording section does not record the selected channel, the control section controls the recording section to restart recording the selected channel.

2. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast signal of a ~~selected-channel~~
selected by a viewer;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital
broadcast signal;

a recording section adapted to record the digital data in a predetermined format and to
sequentially output the recorded digital data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of
[[a]] the viewer; and

a control section adapted to control the recording section to start and stop recording the
selected channel ~~according to an operation for selecting a channel to be viewed, and~~
wherein when the viewer selects one channel which is included in the favorite channel
map as the selected channel, the control section controls the recording section to start recording
the selected channel;

wherein if ~~when the viewer changes the selected channel to be viewed to another~~
channel which is not included in the favorite channel map, while the recording section records
the one channel, the control section ~~does not start~~ controls the recording section to stop
recording the selected channel ~~against the operation to the apparatus except the selected channel~~
~~is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control section controls the recording section to start recording the selected channel when the ~~selected~~another channel ~~is not included in the favorite channel map and is not~~ changed over a predetermined time ~~from a time selected while the recording section does not~~ record the selected channel.

4. (Currently Amended) The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control section is adapted to generate[[s]] an EPG image of the favorite channel based on the favorite channel map.

5. (Original) The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an output section adapted to convert the digital data into analog data and to output the analog data.

6. (New) A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast signal of a channel selected by a viewer;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital broadcast signal;

a recording section adapted to perform a time shift recording in which the digital data generated from the digital broadcast signal of the channel currently selected by the viewer is recorded in a predetermined format and is sequentially output the recorded digital data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of the viewer; and

a control section adapted to control the receiving section, the digital data generating section, the recording section and the storage section,

wherein when the viewer issues an instruction to perform the time shift recording, the control section determines whether the channel currently selected by the viewer is included in the favorite channel map;

wherein the recording section records the digital data of the channel currently selected and sequentially output the recorded digital data when the selected channel is included in the favorite channel map;

wherein the recording section does not record the digital data of the channel currently selected when the selected channel is not included in the favorite channel map;

wherein when the viewer issues an instruction to change the channel during the time shift recording, the control section determines whether the channel currently changed by the viewer is included in the favorite channel map;

wherein the recording section records the digital data of the channel currently changed and sequentially output the recorded digital data when the changed channel is included in the favorite channel map; and

wherein the recording section does not record the digital data of the channel currently changed when the changed channel is not included in the favorite channel map.